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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.) CI  
SUBJECT: TODMAN VISIT: DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE VISIT

REF: SANTIAGO 6113

1. DURING THE 1976 OASGA, RELATIVES OF CHILEANS WHO HAVE  
DISAPPEARED SINCE SEPTEMBER 11, 1973, PRESENTED PETITIONS  
TO SECRETARY GENERAL ORFILA AND SOUGHT TO PRESENT PETITIONS  
TO KISSINGER. DURING THE 1977 OASGA IN GRENADA, THEY STAGED  
A SIT-IN-/HUNGER STRIKE AT SANTIAGO'S ECLA HEADQUARTERS.  
CONTACTS HERE INFORM US THAT THE SAME GROUP IS PREPARING A  
LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH THEY INTEND TO DELIVER  
DURING YOUR VISIT; BUT THERE IS NO INFORMATION AS YET OF ANY  
OTHER PLANNED ACTION.

2. THE DISAPPEARED GROUP IS A MIXTURE OF CONCERNED RELA-  
TIVES AND POLITICALLY MOTIVATED MARXIST OPPONENTS OF THE  
GOC. THE FORMER WANT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT MISSING  
RELATIVES AND THE LATTER SEEK TO EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT IN  
THE MOST PUBLIC WAY POSSIBLE.

3. THE SITUATION BORDERS ON A NO-WIN PROPOSITION FOR US.  
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ON THE ONE HAND WE WISH TO BE RESPONSIVE TO LEGITIMATE  
CONCERNS OF RELATIVES, ON THE OTHER IT IS IMPORTANT TO  
AVOID BECOMING THE MIDDLE-MAN IN A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS MARXIST OPPONENTS.

4. SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ACTION (IF ANY) THIS GROUP  
WILL TAKE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PRESENT TO YOU A REASSURING

SCENARIO. WE ARE TAKING THE OBVIOUS PRECAUTIONS OF INCREASING SECURITY AROUND THE EMBASSY, THE CONSULATE AND THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCES. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID A SIT-IN/HUNGER STRIKE OPERATION. AT THE SAME TIME, EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL TRY TO LEARN THE SPECIFICS OF ANY PETITION FOR PRESIDENT CARTER OR OTHER USG OFFICIALS. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SUCH A DOCUMENT WILL BE PREPARED BY CONCERNED RELATIVES, WE WILL SEEK TO HAVE IT DELIVERED QUIETLY AND PRIVATELY TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER.

5. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ALTERNATIVE THOUGHTS. IF WE OBTAIN A CLEARER FIX ON WHAT IS PLANNED, IF ANYTHING, I WILL INFORM YOU BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.  
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